

July 31, 1947

MEMORANDUM TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

FROM: Deputy Assistant Director for Operations

SUBJECT: "A" Wire Service Furnished by FBI

1. With reference to memorandum dated July 24, 1947 from the Executive for Administration and Management to the Executive Director, subject: "A" Wire Service Furnished by FBI, this office concurs in paragraphs 4 and 5 thereof.

2. Regardless of whether or not the "A" wire is eliminated it will be necessary for a competent editor to be on duty 24 hours each day in order to handle incoming copy and direct the flow of material from the field. For this reason it will not be possible to eliminate the entire staff of 5 editors now servicing the "A" wire. However, it is believed that sufficient reduction could be made to effect a saving of approximately \$35,000.00 per annum.

3. With reference to paragraph 2c of the above mentioned memorandum it is not operationally practicable with the present staff to place greater emphasis on biographic information without making what is believed to be an unwarranted sacrifice of other types of intelligence. If the "A" wire service is eliminated, it is believed that it would be operationally practicable to publish a section of the Daily Report, or a separate report, of biographic information without increased editorial personnel, if such a report is found to be an intelligence requirement.

4. With reference to paragraph 2d of the above mentioned memorandum it would be operationally impossible to group all information together according to country regardless of the source of transmission and staff. Regardless of the size of the staff, it be furnished to users with the same timeliness

recommended that:

the "A" wire service be discontinued.
If it is found to be an intelligence requirement, publish, initially on an experimental basis, a report of biographic intelligence information for those intelligence agencies having this special need.
The present practice of arranging information in the Daily Report according to transmitters be continued.

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